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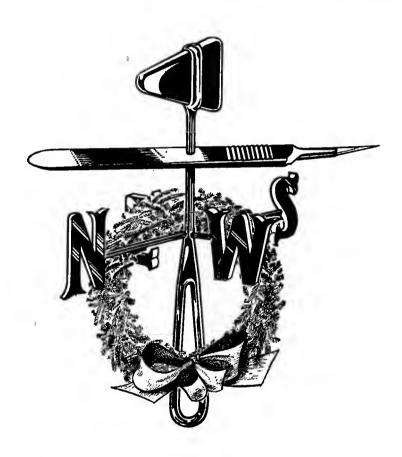
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From the Desk of the President



THE DOCTOR'S INCOME

Dr. P. John Robechek, president of the Ohio Medical Association in 1972, had as his motto "Illegitimi non carborundum". The Latin phrase translates into English as meaning: "don't let the bastards grind you down."

The issues facing our medical society for years are still evident today and shall continue into the future. Federal funded and controlled PSRO, HMO and NHI are real threats to the patient, doctors, private-practice of medicine and are unnecessary burdens to the tax payers.

The struggle is for control and the scapegoat is doctors, money and inflation. The President of the United States, the Congress, the unions, and the average American all say that the cause of inflation is excess government spending. What has the Congress done? It has increased government spending! Recent increase of over 5% went to civilian and military government employees. This is to pave the way for lawmakers pay to increase from \$42,500 to \$55,000 a year. Their fringe benefits already exceed \$8,000 per year and they have just recently added another \$9,000 per year. Their total pay now approaches \$60-\$70,000 per year. On the lecture circuit many "prominent senators" lectured in 1972 for \$3,000 to \$29,000 per year. In 1973 the same senators ranged from \$20,000 to \$65,000. At least 7 of the leading senators who "earned" \$2,000 to \$5,000 in 1972 earned \$25,000 to \$49,000 in 1973. The largest amount was \$65,650.

Increased government spending is to also include federal judges and top-level executive branch officials. Plans for U.S. District judges would be a 25% increase—from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The proposal for U.S. Appellate judges is from \$42,500 to \$55,000—a 29% increase. The governor of Ohio's income shall increase 25% from \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year. The attorney general, state auditor, state treasurer and the secretary of state are to increase from \$25,000 to \$40,000—over 35%

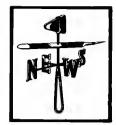
increase.

Many unions have automatic wage increases tied to the cost of

living plus annual increases in wages and fringe benefits.

What is the A.M.A. response? The A.M.A. has guidelines in fees. It would allow an increase in the physician's fee to cover costs of wages, rent, supplies and salaries and a few other items. It allows nothing for the increase of clothes, food, utilities, upkeep, post-graduate education, home improvements and many others. To increase the physician's income, the A.M.A. recommends increased productivity—that is work

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Editorial

HAIL AND FAREWELL

This will be my last column as editor of the *Bulletin*. In some ways it has been fun and in some ways it has been a chore, but all in all it was an interesting experience.

I was pleasantly surprised to be stopped in the corridors of the hospital frequently by my colleagues, with mostly favorable comments on one or another of the editorials. I will not belabor you with another diatribe concerning P.S.R.O. or poor attendance at the Society meetings. Perhaps my successor will come up with better solutions.

Instead, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season and joy and success in the coming year.

—Louis Bloomberg, M.D. Editor

50-YEAR AWARDS AT DECEMBER MEETING

This year, three members of the Mahoning County Medical Society will receive the 50-year certificates and pins presented annually by the Ohio State Medical Association.

Dr. Marvin B. Goldstein, 1924 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia; Dr. Erhard Weltman, 1924 graduate of the University of Berlin, Germany; and Dr. Elmer J. Wenaas, 1924 graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine will be guests of the Mahoning County Medical Society for the presentation ceremony at the Dec. 17th meeting at the Youngstown Club. Dr. Pichette, Sixth District Councilor, will make the presentations.

An additional presentation will be made to Dr. Lena English, a 1924 graduate of Womens Medical College, Philadelphia, who served most of her life as a medical missionary, and who now resides at Park Vista nursing home.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

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harder, more efficiently and longer hours! The work hours of 55 to 70 hours

per week is not enough.

In 1971 the A.M.A. increased annual dues from \$70 to \$110. A proposal effective Jan. 1, 1975 is for an increase from \$110 to \$200. Thus from 1971 to 1975 the increase is nearly 300%. The O.S.M.A. increased dues in 1974 from \$65 to \$125 effective 1975, approximately 100% increase. The Mahoning County Medical Society annual dues were \$100 for nearly nine years prior to an increase to \$125 in 1973 efective 1974, an increase of only 25%.

A medical student spends a minimum of \$43,000 and nine years to become a doctor. Many spend in excess of \$50 to \$60,000 for their education, not to mention the loss of income while in school. At an annual income of \$6,000 per year for 9 years results in a loss of income of at least \$54,000. When this is added to \$50,000 for his education he has an investment of over \$100,000 and most of this is in debt. The average intern earns \$9,886 annually and the average resident \$10,880 per year. Resident training varies from 2 to 4 years. The average doctor earns approximately \$42,000 annually with a small group earning more. Few physicians begin practice before the age of 30, most are between 30 and 35 years of age.

Many criticize doctors for making "too much money" especially politicians. In November 1974 nearly 25% of the Senate is in Europe for "official business" junkets. The law states they do not need to make public the expenses! How many people complain about the income of athletes? A New York Jet rookie contract value was set at \$650,000 according to "sources close to the negotiations". Demands of NFL unions would qualify a player for a pension by playing 2 years and start drawing it at age 35! A rookie signed to a contract, even if he is released the first day, would be guaranteed a minmum of \$32,000 in salary alone. He then would get \$50,000 more to cushion his adjustment to civilian life. He would also receive any postseason money his team earns that year. A rookie with a Super Bowl champion, cut on the first day of practice would get a minimum of \$77,000.

Green Bay signed a multi-year contract with a player which would give him \$150,000 annually for 3 years, a \$500,000 signing bonus and allowed to borrow money from the club at 4% interest! Is there a community in the United States that would give a young doctor the same terms i.e. just as a starter? His job, of course, would be to heal and cure the sick. His job would be a life and death struggle frequently; he would not be an entertainer.

The U.S. has spent \$200 billion in aid and credit to 138 foreign countries since the end of World War II—the equivalent of more than 40% of the entire U.S. national debt (\$474 billion). Âmong the countries we are supporting 56 military dictatorships and authoritarian regimes which have used military aid money intended for outside aggression to terrorize and subjugate their own

There are doctors who make more than the average of some \$42,000 per year. Some make \$60,000, \$75,000 and a few more. These are exceptions and

not the rule.

A doctor making \$42,000 per year working 40 hours per week would earn approximately \$20 per hour. If he worked 50 hours per week he would earn \$15 per hour. The same doctor earning \$50,000 per year would, at 40 hours per week, earn approximately \$24 per hour and for 50 hours of work per week earn \$19 per hour. These hourly rates are frequently less than many craftsmen and semi-skilled workmen. There are, however, 13% of fulltime, office-based G.P.'s who net less than \$20,000 per year. Of all pediatricians and psychiatrists nearly 10% earn \$20,000 or less per annum. Any physician in private practice faces the hazard that an illness, even one of short duration, means no income for every day that he is absent, yet he must maintain the expense of keeping his office open during that time.

The average salary of chief executives in industry in 1973 was 11.5% higher than in 1972. The top four in the nation had salaries of \$978,000, \$938,000, \$878,746, and \$846,500 in 1973. There must be hundreds in the \$100,000-\$500,000 category.

Frequently when doctors or others increase fees or prices for a period of 1 or 2 months the government statisticians then multiply by 12 or 6 whichever the case may be to annualize the increase! This is most misleading.

distorted and false calculations.

These figures are food for thought. You may wish to compare hourly rates of doctors to your electrician, plumber, T.V. repair man, roofer and perhaps even the man that cuts your lawn.

In the final analysis freedom is more precious than money.

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

—John C. Melnick, M.D. President

A LOOK AT THE "MEDICAL CRISIS"

A report on two meetings of national scope was made by Dr. W. E. Sovik

at the Nov. 19th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Attending the three-day AMA Congress on Health Manpower meeting, held in Chicago, Dr. Sovik found that while the number of physicians per 100,000 population is ultimately proposed to be 187, it will actually be 183 by the end of this year, and by 1980 there will be a surplus of doctors.

Despite the fact that the Congress on Health Manpower had originally

Despite the fact that the Congress on Health Manpower had originally been organized to consider an alleged medical crisis, consisting of a shortage of physicians and a maldistribution of physicians, Dr. Sovik also learned that 92% of the population is presently within 10 miles of health care facilities. He stated, also, that the majority of foreign medical graduates, after being educated in our medical schools and hospitals, do not go into the ghetto or the rural areas to practice, but go to the urban areas.

In California, many nurse practitioners, stationed in remote areas, make up a communication network whereby they may call a doctor or take a patient to the hospital by air transportation. In Alaska there are physicians' assistants who cover very large areas and communicate directly with physicians.

There are two primary physicians' assistants schools in Ohio, and there are three physicians' assistants bills in the legislature. The Ohio State Medical Association is preparing a modified bill, worded so that physicians' assistants will always be directly under the control of physicians.

Certification and recertification were discussed, and its was the opinion of the meeting that this is definitely coming. Four states have already adopted

it, and it has been adopted by two specialty branches.

At the meeting of the Academy of Ophthalmology, the speaker was Charles Edwards, M.D., assistant secretary of HEW. Dr. Edwards stated that there is no shortage of doctors, but there is an unfortunate geographic maldistribution. He made two statements of interest. He said that the highest quality of health care in the world is in the United States, and that nothing can replace sound judgment exercised by a well-trained physician in deciding what is best for a given patient at a given time. He also stated that in our health care system we should not incorporate new ideas and new techniques without first making sure that they deserve a place in patient care.

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ELECTION IN DECEMBER

Election of officers, delegates, alternate delegates, council members, foundation trustees and a representative to Blue Cross will take place at the Dec. 17 meeting of the Medical Society at the Youngstown Club.

Following is a list of the candidates as nominated by the membership

at the Nov. 19 meeting: Vice President:

Dr. W. E. Sovik

Treasurer:

Dr. Y. T. Chiu

1978 Delegate: Dr. John C. Melnick

Alternate Delegates (2 to elect):

Dr. W. E. Sovik

Dr. P. J. Mahar, Jr. Representative to Associated Hospital Service (Blue Cross):

Council Members (4 to elect):

Dr. A. V. Banez

Dr. R. L. Gilliland Dr. C. B. Klodell Dr. N. A. Pappas

Council Member (1 yr. term):

Dr. R. A. Hernandez Foundation Trustees (2 to elect):

Dr. R. B. McConnell

Dr. M. S. Rosenblum

Dr. C. E. Pichette

Additional nominations for all offices may be made from the floor at the Dec. 17th meeting. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Reservations may be made at the medical society office (747-4956). All medical society members are urged to attend and to vote.



From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1934

Richard Cattel came here from Boston to substitute for the renowned Frank Lahey. Dr. Cattel impressed the audience with his talk on "Cancer Of The Rectum". Later he became chief surgeon of the Lahey Clinic and operated successfully on Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister of England for stricture of the common bile duct.

The Public Relations Committee reported that the year was a complete

failure.

New members were Morris Rosenblum and Walter Tims. The Society is

still reeling from the impact.

Gordon Nelson was in the hospital recovering from typhoid fever. He spoiled our health record.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1944

The new President was William Hall Bunn, Sr. Elmer Nagel retired gratefully after serving two terms as President, the only member who ever did so. Bill Evans in the Navy was the only member who was President in absentia. Those were unusual times.

The old Municipal Hospital for contagious disease was taken over by the State Welfare Department for use as a Receiving Hospital for mental

patients.

An article by Herman Zeve abstracted from the Naval Medical Bulletin described the intensive treatment of early syphilis with Mapharsen and Bismuth which greatly reduced the number of treatment days. Penicillin was

then just coming into use.

There was a remarkable letter from one of our members written from the front in Germany and printed without any signature. It must have been from the late Oscar Axelson, as he was with the Third Armored Division. He wrote in part: "Our Third Armored Division hit Normandy Beach last June and we've moved quite rapidly through France and Belgium. We led the advance from the Seine River through the Siegfried Line and covered this entire distance in eighteen days. I have had some thrilling experiences and narrow escapes. My tent and bag of clothes have been shot up but I've been luckier. Several times the enemy surrounded us but we fought our way out with few casualties. Because of the enemy's retreat most of their casualties were left behind so actually I've cared for more German wounded than our own. The men have a novel treatment for lice. A mixture of sand and alcohol is applied to the body. The lice become intoxicated, throw the sand at each other and are stoned to death!"

New members that month were Erhard Weltman and Sam Davidow.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1954

President James Brown wrote that the most important public relations are between the doctor and his patient at the bedside.

Editor Detesco said that surgical consultants should send operative reports to the family physician.

The Committee For Reduction of Meetings headed by the late J. Clair Vance recommended reduction of the Medical Society Meetings to six a year. Louis Bloomberg, Patrick Cestone and Raymond Lupse were installed as Fellows of the American College of Surgeons.

New members were Robert Martin Foster, R. L. Jenkins, F. H. Inui, W. L. Agey, S. F. Gaylord, A. W. Geordon and Raymond S. Boniface.

TEN YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1964

President Schreiber looked back on a busy and successful year. He gave a special "Thank You" to our good Executive Secretary, Howard Rempes.

We were still holding meetings in the Mural Room. Anybody miss the old Mural Room? It was a good place to meet but they had the toughest

roast beef in town.

The Society lost two highly valued members, Dick Clifford and Sam Epstein. Both were in their best years and their presence has been missed.

A large contingent from Youngstown attended the football game at Ann Arbor where Michigan defeated Ohio State for the Big Ten title.

New member that month was Karl Theodore Baumgaertel.

MEDICAL SCHOOL SIGNS WITH HOSPITALS

The Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine took another important step with the recent signing of agreements between the College of Medicine and the two hospitals, St. Elizabeth Hospital and the Youngstown

Hospital Association.

The College of Medicine has proposed a six-year curriculum in which students will begin their studies by spending two years at Youngstown State University, Kent State University or the University of Akron; will take a third year at the new basic medical sciences campus to be built at Rootstown and complete their work at any of the Associated teaching hospitals for clinical instruction and at the universities for the additional studies required for a baccalaureate degree.



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In Memoriam WILLIAM H. CHARLEBOIS, M.D.

Dr. William H. Charlebois, orthopedic surgeon, died of a massive coron-

ary on Saturday, Nov. 23. He was 51.

Dr. Charlebois was born in Youngstown, where he was a graduate of Ursuline High School. He received his bachelor of science degree from John Carroll University, and his master of arts from Kent State University. His

medical degree was conferred at New York Medical College in 1955.

Following an internship and surgical residency at St. Elizabeth Hospital, he was an orthopedic resident at Akron City Hospital and Akron Children's Hospital, and took graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. He opened his office in Youngstown in 1960 and joined Dr. J. J. Sofrance in practice the following year. Later Dr. H. J. W. Marcella, C. A. Saranto-poulos and Y. V. Ginde joined them in a group with a new building, the Park Avenue Medical Center, at 333 Park Ave.

Dr. Charlebois served in the European Theater as an Army staff ser-

geant, with the First Division for three years in World War II.

He was board certified by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in 1962 and was a member of the Ohio State Orthopedic Society, the Interstate Orthopedic Society and the Orthopedic Staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was a member of the Elks and the Chesterton Club.

The sudden loss of a physician so young, who had so many years of medical service to offer, has come as a great shock and sorrow to his colleagues. The entire medical community joins together in extending sympathy to his family and to his close medical associates.

JULIUS NEMETH, M.D. 1910 - 1974

Dr. Julius Nemeth, psychiatrist, died of a massive coronary on Saturday,

Nov. 23, at Buffalo General Hospital, New York. He was 64.

Dr. Nemeth was born in Kecskemet, Hungary and came to the United States as an American citizen in 1949. His medical degree was conferred at the Peter Pazmany University School of Medicine, Budapest, in 1936. During World War II, he served as a first lieutenant in the Hungarian Medical Corps.

He began practice in the United States as a resident psychiatrist for the state of New York. He was staff psychiatrist with the Auburn, N. Y., outpatient clinic for children and adults and an attending psychiatrist at the Veterans Administration Mental Hygiene Clinic in Syracuse. He came to Youngstown in 1958 to direct the Adult Guidance Center. He was on the staff of Woodside Hospital for ten years and was director of the outpatient clinic when he resigned in 1971.

In 1956 he was certified as a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He was a fellow of the American Geriatric Society, a fellow of the American Society of Psychoanalytic Physicians, a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, the Pan-American Medical Association and

the American Psychiatric Association.

He was an ordained elder of the Hungarian U. P. Church, was local chairman of the Collegiate Society of Hungarian Veterans and had served as first vice president of the American-Hungarian Federation of Churches and Societies.

At the time of his death he was unit chief at Gowanda State Hospital in Helmuth, N. Y., and also maintained his private practice in Youngstown.

Dr. Nemeth served on several medical society committees and was often in attendance at the society's social functions. The medical society extends sympathy to the members of his family.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL Nov. 12, 1974

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical

Society was held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1974, at the Youngstown Club.

The following physicians were present: John C. Melnick, president, presiding, R. A. Abdu, J. J. Anderson, A. V. Banez, Louis Bloomberg, B. P. Brucoli, Y. T. Chiu, A. T. Deramo, G. H. Dietz, J. E. Might, C. E. Pichette, J. W. Tandatnick and K. T. Wieneke. Absent were: S. G. Adornato, P. J. Mahar, Jr., W. T. Martin, William Moskalik, C. B. Klodell, Jack Schreiber, W. E. Sovik and C. C. White.

A letter was read from Robert Shreve, Supt. of Mahoning County Schools, in answer to our request for information concerning school policies relative to TB testing and physicals. A letter recommending uniform procedures will

be sent to Dr. Shreve.

A letter was read from the Visiting Nurse Association announcing that the VNA is accepting referrals for continuing care of the sick and injured at home in an extended geographic area. The president was requested to write

them a letter of thanks and support for their program.

A report was heard from Dr. Pichette, Sixth District Councilor. He stated that he had sent a letter to Dr. Werner, head of Region Six Peer Review Corporation asking if his organization would consider giving up their government-connected PSRO and, instead, represent the physicians of the Sixth District in developing a peer review program without government funding. He discussed the contract between Medical Advances Institute and Hoffman La-Roche in the context that MAI was instructed not to involve itself with PSRO in the State of Ohio. He also reported on a support contract that MAI has with the federal government. He reported progress with a committee of the Sixth District to consider the establishment of a committee on peer review in the Sixth District.

Dr. Brucoli reported that he had written a letter to the OSMA councilors, in response to the letter to Dr. East that Dr, Henry had seen fit to publish in the OSMAgram, in which he strongly disapproved of Dr. Henry using the OSMAgram for this sort of business. He also read a reply that he had

received from one of the councilors.

Dr. Anderson submitted for council's approval a proposed answer to Mr. Bates of the Ohio State Welfare Department restating and resupporting the MCMS stand in regard to the Welfare Department's E.P.S.D.T. program for children, which has been discussed in previous council meetings and reported in the minutes thereof. Council approved the letter.

A letter was read from Dr. Corredor, president of the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the American Diabetes Association requesting support for their program during National Diabetes Week. Discussion ensued concerning the desirability, the hazards and the value of a screening program. The letter was

noted and filed.

A letter was read from the Ohio State Medical Association suggesting that the recent constitutional amendment requiring two years service on the MCMS council before a person could be eligible for the office of alternate delegate might better be a stated policy rather than a constitutional amendment. The motion was made by Dr. Anderson and properly seconded that a letter be sent to OSMA stating that we do not agree and asking that they approve our consitutional amendment. Motion was passed.

Dr. Anderson, chairman, reported on the progress of his ad hoc committee to study peer review in Mahoning County and also on progress of the Sixth District Committee for the same purpose in relation to the six county

medical societies.

Dr. Brucoli submitted two resolutions for the approval of council. The first one, censuring the council and president of the Ohio State Association for not vigorously complying with the desire of the House of Delegates to

the effect that OSMA not participate in the implementation of PSRO, was

adopted.

Dr. Brucoli presented a second resolution calling for a constitutional change that would permit members to belong to the Mahoning County Medical Society without belonging to the Ohio State Medical Association. Motion for approval was made by Dr. Brucoli and properly seconded. Following discussion the motion to table was made by Dr. Wieneke and seconded. Tabling motion was passed.

Dr. Abdu announced that next year's editor of the *Bulletin* would be Dr. Earnest Perry and that public relations director would be Dr. Robert Barton. The appointments were approved by council. Both men will be voting

members of council in 1975.

The motion was made by Dr. Anderson that the second resolution of Dr. Brucoli's be taken off the table. Motion was seconded and passed. Following some discussion, the motion was made by Dr. Wienke to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed.

BULLETIN BOARD



Dr. David H. Levy has been re-elected president of the Medical-Dental Bureau, Inc. Other officers are Dr. Melvin Fader, vice-president; Dr. John G. Guju, secretary; Dr. Robert Bitonte, treasurer, and Dr. Demetrios Dallis, assistant treasurer. Other trustee-directors are Dr. Armin Banez, counselor, Dr. Louis Bloomberg, Dr. Joseph J. Sofranec and Dr. John C. Tisone. James B. Herald is executive director and Roberta M. Herald is co-executive director.

Dr. William H. Bunn, Jr., has been elected to be the first chairman of the Council of Chiefs of Internal Medicine of the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Serving Control from Youngstown are Dr. Ed-

ward Kessler and Dr. Elias T. Saadi.

Dr. S. R. Zoss has been elected to a two-year term on the National Board of Trustees of the Asthmatic Children's Foundation. Dr. Zoss is Chief

of Allergy of the Youngstown Hospital Association.

Dr. Maria M. L. Fok has been selected to be the medical member of the Mahoning County Board of Health, replacing Larry L. Smith, D.O., who recently resigned. Dr. Fok will be seated as a member of the Board at the December meeting.

Dr. Herbert A. Parris has been named medical director of the Easter

Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Mahoning County.

Dr. Karl F. Wieneke has been elected president of the Mahoning County unit of the American Cancer Society. Other officers are Jerome P. Deibel, first vice president, Mrs. Jack E. Roscoe, second vice president, Albert A. Matasy, treasurer, and Mrs. Dorothy Llewellyn, secretary.

Dr. Armin Banez has been appointed to the National Medical Advisory Board of the United Ostomy Association. He is one of five appointed to a

three-year term.

Dr. William J. Flynn recently was re-elected to the national board of directors of the American Cancer Society at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates of that organization in New York. He is a past-president of the Ohio Division of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. N. C. Domingo was recently appointed to the post of Assistant to Neonatologist/Director of Training Program in Pediatrics at Youngstown Hospital

Association.

Mahoning physicians to earn the AMA Physician's Recognition Award are: Drs. A. V. Banez, G. E. DeCicco, Joseph S. Gregori, Euhong Kim, C. B. Klodell, Dong Sung Lee, David H. Levy, H. A. Parris, Mullang S. Rajan and Warner F. Stanford.

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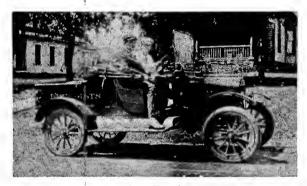
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